

# New $R$ Matrices Associated with Cyclic Representations of $U_q(A_2^{(2)})$

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## Abstract

New  $R$  matrices are constructed as intertwiners of  $N$ -dimensional representations of  $U_q(A_2^{(2)})$  at  $q^N=1$ . Analogous construction for  $U_q(A_1^{(1)})$  reproduces the chiral Potts model.

## §1. Introduction

Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space and  $R(\xi, \eta)$  a linear operator acting on  $V \otimes V$  with parameters  $\xi, \eta \in S$  (to be called spectral parameters). We call  $R(\xi, \eta)$  an  $R$  matrix if the Yang-Baxter equation

$$\begin{aligned} (R(\eta, \lambda) \otimes 1)(1 \otimes R(\xi, \lambda))(R(\xi, \eta) \otimes 1) \\ = (1 \otimes R(\xi, \eta))(R(\xi, \lambda) \otimes 1)(1 \otimes R(\eta, \lambda)) \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

holds.

A scheme of constructing  $R$  matrices is as follows [11]. Consider a Hopf algebra  $U$ . Suppose that a family of representations  $(V, \pi_\xi)_{\xi \in S}$  of  $U$  is given in such a way that

- (i)  $(V \otimes V \otimes V, \pi_\xi \otimes \pi_\eta \otimes \pi_\lambda)$  is indecomposable for generic  $\xi, \eta, \lambda$ , i.e., if  $F \in \text{End}(V \otimes V \otimes V)$  satisfies  $[F, (\pi_\xi \otimes \pi_\eta \otimes \pi_\lambda)(g)] = 0$  for any  $g \in U$  then  $F$  is a scalar,
- (ii) there exists an intertwiner  $R: V \otimes V \xrightarrow{\sim} V \otimes V$  such that

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$$R(\xi, \eta)(\pi_\xi \otimes \pi_\eta)(g) = (\pi_\eta \otimes \pi_\xi)(g)R(\xi, \eta) \quad (g \in U)$$

for any  $\xi, \eta \in S$ ,

(iii)  $R(\xi, \xi) = 1$ .

Under these conditions  $R(\xi, \eta)$  satisfies (1.1).

For example, take  $U = U_q(A_1^{(1)})$ ,  $V = \mathbb{C}^2$ ,  $S = \mathbb{C}^\times = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . Using  $\xi = x$  as a coordinate of  $S$ , we set

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_\xi(e_0) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ x & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \pi_\xi(f_0) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x^{-1} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \pi_\xi(t_0) &= \begin{pmatrix} q^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & q \end{pmatrix}, \\ \pi_\xi(e_1) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \pi_\xi(f_1) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ x^{-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \pi_\xi(t_1) &= \begin{pmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & q^{-1} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $e_i, f_i, t_i$  ( $i=0, 1$ ) are the Chevalley generators. By this choice the conditions (i), (ii), (iii) are satisfied and  $R(\xi, \eta)$  gives the Boltzmann weights of the 6 vertex model.

Bazhanov and Stroganov [5] found that the Boltzmann weights of the chiral Potts model [2], [4] are obtained by a certain algebraic procedure starting from the  $R$  matrix of the 6 vertex model. In this paper we reformulate their discovery in the above scheme by taking  $U$  to be a certain central extension of  $U_q(A_1^{(1)})$  with  $q$  a root of 1. This Hopf algebra is known as the quantum double of a ‘Borel’ subalgebra of  $U_q(A_1^{(1)})$  [6]. Let us denote it by  $\tilde{U}_q(A_1^{(1)})$ . In [8] we have shown that the Fateev-Zamolodchikov model, the trigonometric limit of the chiral Potts model, is obtained by the scheme (i), (ii), (iii) for  $U = U_q(A_1^{(1)})$ . The central extension enables us to reproduce the whole of the chiral Potts model.

The story goes as follows. If  $q$  is a primitive  $N$ -th root of 1,  $U_q(A_1) = U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C}))$  admits a 3 parameter family of  $N$ -dimensional irreducible representations [12], [13]. (See [7], [9] for general results. See also [1], [3], [8].) It is extended to a 6 parameter family of  $N$ -dimensional irreducible representations of  $\tilde{U}_q(A_1^{(1)})$ . The requirement (ii) restricts the parameters  $\xi, \eta$  to be on an algebraic surface  $\mathcal{S}$ . In fact,  $\mathcal{S}$  factorizes essentially into two identical curves:  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C}$ . Accordingly,  $R(\xi, \eta)$  factorizes into 4 pieces. They are the Boltzmann weights of the chiral Potts model.

The main achievement of this paper is the construction of new  $R$  matrices corresponding to the case  $A_2^{(2)}$ , as opposed to  $A_1^{(1)}$  for the chiral Potts model. (For generic  $q$  the intertwiner for  $U_q(A_2^{(2)})$  gives the Izergin-Korepin model [10], [11] in the simplest case.) We again start from the  $N$ -dimensional irreducible representations of  $U_q(A_1)$ . In this case only those representations which send

the Casimir element of  $U_q(A_1)$  to zero can be extended to the representations of  $\tilde{U}_q(A_2^{(2)})$ . This restriction effects that the set  $\mathcal{S}$  is only a curve, given explicitly by

$$c^N + c^{-N} = \Gamma_1(a^N + a^{-N})$$

where  $\Gamma_1$  is a modulus. This is essentially the same curve as  $\mathcal{C}$  for the chiral Potts model. The  $R$  matrix is given in Theorem 3.4. Unlike the case  $A_1^{(1)}$ , however, we have not found a basis of  $V = \mathbb{C}^N$  for which the matrix elements of  $R(\xi, \eta)$  factorize.

The plan of this paper is as follows. In Section 2 we construct a family of representations of  $\tilde{U}_q(A_2^{(2)})$ . In Section 3 we solve the equation for the intertwiner and give new  $R$  matrices. We show also the indecomposability of  $V \otimes V \otimes V$  to prove the validity of the Yang-Baxter equation. The intertwiner for  $\tilde{U}_q(A_1^{(1)})$  and the chiral Potts model are discussed in Section 4.

### §2. Algebra $\tilde{U}_q(A_2^{(2)})$ and its Cyclic Representations

Let us first recall the definition of the quantized enveloping algebra of type  $A_2^{(2)}$ . We consider only the case when the deformation parameter  $q$  is a root of 1.

Throughout this paper we fix a positive odd integer  $N \geq 3$ , and a primitive  $N$ -th root of unity  $q$ . We set  $\omega = q^2$ .

Let  $(a_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  be the generalized Cartan matrix of type  $A_2^{(2)}$ , and set  $q_0 = q^4, q_1 = q$ . The quantized enveloping algebra  $U_q$  of type  $A_2^{(2)}$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra generated by  $e_i, f_i, t_i, t_i^{-1}$  ( $i=0, 1$ ), subject to the following defining relations.

$$t_i t_i^{-1} = t_i^{-1} t_i = 1, \quad t_i t_j = t_j t_i, \tag{2.1a}$$

$$t_i e_j t_i^{-1} = q_i^{a_{ij}} e_j, \quad t_i f_j t_i^{-1} = q_i^{-a_{ij}} f_j, \quad [e_i, f_j] = \delta_{ij} \frac{t_i - t_i^{-1}}{q_i - q_i^{-1}}, \tag{2.1b}$$

$$\sum_{l=0}^{1-a_{ij}} (-1)^l \begin{bmatrix} 1-a_{ij} \\ l \end{bmatrix}_i e_i^l e_j e_i^{1-a_{ij}-l} = 0, \quad i \neq j, \tag{2.1c}$$

$$\sum_{l=0}^{1-a_{ij}} (-1)^l \begin{bmatrix} 1-a_{ij} \\ l \end{bmatrix}_i f_i^l f_j f_i^{1-a_{ij}-l} = 0, \quad i \neq j. \tag{2.1d}$$

Here we use the following notations.

$$\begin{bmatrix} m \\ n \end{bmatrix}_i = \frac{[m]_i \cdots [m-n+1]_i}{[n]_i \cdots [1]_i}, \quad [m]_i = \frac{q_i^m - q_i^{-m}}{q_i - q_i^{-1}}.$$

For our purposes it is necessary to enlarge this algebra by adding 2 central elements  $z_i$  ( $i=0, 1$ ). Let us denote the enlarged algebra by  $\tilde{U}_q = \tilde{U}_q(A_2^{(2)})$ .

This algebra can be endowed with a structure of a Hopf algebra. We shall need only the comultiplication  $\Delta: \tilde{U}_q \rightarrow \tilde{U}_q \otimes \tilde{U}_q$  defined by

$$\Delta(e_i) = e_i \otimes 1 + z_i t_i \otimes e_i \tag{2.2a}$$

$$\Delta(f_i) = f_i \otimes t_i^{-1} + z_i^{-1} \otimes f_i, \tag{2.2b}$$

$$\Delta(t_i) = t_i \otimes t_i, \tag{2.2c}$$

$$\Delta(z_i) = z_i \otimes z_i. \tag{2.2d}$$

Note that this comultiplication coincides with that of  $U_q$  if we set  $z_i=1$ . As in the case of  $U_q$  we form tensor products of representations via this comultiplication.

Let us denote by  $U_q(A_1)$  the subalgebra of  $\tilde{U}_q$  generated by  $e_1, f_1, t_1, t_1^{-1}$ . As  $q^N=1$ , the powers  $e_1^N, f_1^N, t_1^{\pm N}$  belong to the center of  $U_q(A_1)$ . We consider finite dimensional irreducible representations such that  $e_1^N$  and  $f_1^N$  are non zero constants. We call such representations *cyclic representations*.

The cyclic representation of  $U_q(A_1)$  is  $N$ -dimensional and depend on 3 continuous parameters [12], [13]. This is described as follows. Let  $V$  be an  $N$ -dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Choose two linear operators  $X, Z$  on  $V$  satisfying

$$ZX = \omega XZ, \quad X^N = Z^N = 1.$$

**Proposition 2.1.** *An  $N$ -dimensional cyclic representation*

$$\pi_{a_0 a_1 x_1}: U_q(A_1) \rightarrow \text{End}(V) \quad (a_0, a_1, x_1 \in \mathbb{C}^\times)$$

is given as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{a_0 a_1 x_1}(e_1) &= x_1 X, \\ \pi_{a_0 a_1 x_1}(f_1) &= -\frac{x_1^{-1}}{(q-q^{-1})^2} \left( \frac{\omega a_1}{a_0} Z + \frac{a_0}{\omega a_1} Z^{-1} - a_0 a_1 - \frac{1}{a_0 a_1} \right) X^{-1}, \\ \pi_{a_0 a_1 x_1}(t_1) &= \frac{q a_1}{a_0} Z. \end{aligned}$$

*The Casimir element*

$$q t_1 + q^{-1} t_1^{-1} + (q - q^{-1})^2 f_1 e_1$$

takes the value  $a_0 a_1 + (a_0 a_1)^{-1}$  for this representation.

We will extend this representation to that of  $\tilde{U}_q$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $\pi_{a_0 a_1 x_1}$  be as in Proposition 2.1. There exists a representation  $\pi: \tilde{U}_q(A_2^{(2)}) \rightarrow \text{End}(V)$  such that  $\pi|_{U_q(A_1)} = \pi_{a_0 a_1 x_1}$  if and only if  $(a_0 a_1)^2 = -1$ . In this case  $\pi$  is given by*

$$\pi(e_0) = \mp \frac{x_0}{(q^4 - q^{-4})^2} ((qaZ + q^{-1}a^{-1}Z^{-1})X^{-1})^2, \quad \pi(e_1) = x_1 X, \quad (2.3a)$$

$$\pi(f_0) = x_0^{-1} X^2, \quad \pi(f_1) = -\frac{x_1^{-1}}{(q - q^{-1})^2} (qaZ + q^{-1}a^{-1}Z^{-1})X^{-1}, \quad (2.3b)$$

$$\pi(t_0) = \pm a^{-2} Z^{-2}, \quad \pi(t_1) = aZ, \quad (2.3c)$$

$$\pi(z_0) = c_0, \quad \pi(z_1) = c_1, \quad (2.3d)$$

with some  $c_0, c_1, x_0 \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ , and  $a = qa_1/a_0$ .

*Proof.* From the requirements  $t_0 e_1 t_0^{-1} = q^{-4} e_1, [t_0, t_1] = 0$ , we have

$$\pi(t_0) = bZ^{-2},$$

where  $b \in \mathbb{C}^\times$  is to be determined. The conditions  $t_1 f_0 t_1^{-1} = q^4 f_0, t_0 f_0 t_0^{-1} = q^{-8} f_0, [e_1, f_0] = 0$  fix the form of  $\pi(f_0)$  to be

$$\pi(f_0) = x_0^{-1} X^2,$$

where  $x_0 \in \mathbb{C}^\times$  is some constant. From  $t_1 e_0 t_1^{-1} = q^{-4} e_0, t_0 e_0 t_0^{-1} = q^8 e_0$  we know that  $\pi(e_0)$  has the following form

$$\pi(e_0) = \varphi(Z) X^{-2}$$

with some function  $\varphi$ . The condition  $[e_0, f_0] = (t_0 - t_0^{-1}) / (q^4 - q^{-4})$  implies that  $\varphi$  must have the form

$$\varphi(Z) = -\frac{x_0}{(q^4 - q^{-4})^2} (q^{-4} bZ^{-2} + q^4 b^{-1} Z^2 + c),$$

where  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  is to be determined. Finally the requirement  $[e_0, f_1] = 0$  fixes the constants  $b$  and  $c$ . Namely we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 a_1 + a_0^{-1} a_1^{-1} &= 0, \\ b &= \pm \left( \frac{a_0}{qa_1} \right)^2, \quad c = \pm (q^2 + q^{-2}). \end{aligned}$$

The first relation means the Casimir element vanishes. By setting  $a = qa_1/a_0$ , we have (2.3). The Serre relations (2.1c), (2.1d) can be checked by using the vanishing of the Casimir element and the fact that  $\pi(e_0)$  and  $\pi(f_0)$  are proportional to  $\pi(f_1)^2$  and  $\pi(e_1)^2$ , respectively.  $\square$

Hereafter we consider only representations (2.3) such that  $\pi(t_0 t_1^2) = 1$ . We denote this representation by  $\pi_\xi$  where  $\xi = (a, c_0, c_1, x_0, x_1) \in (\mathbb{C}^\times)^5$ .

The following will be used in Section 3. Let us denote the representation with  $a = c_0 = c_1 = 1$  and  $x_0 = x_1 = x$  by  $\pi_x$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** *Assume  $N \neq 3$ . Let  $(V', \pi')$  be a representation of  $U_q(A_2^{(2)})$ , and consider the equations for  $F(x) \in \text{End}(V \otimes V')$*

$$\begin{aligned} [(\pi_x \otimes \pi')(f_i), F(x)] &= 0 \quad (i = 0, 1), \\ (\pi_x \otimes \pi')(t_1)F(x) &= \omega^m F(x)(\pi_x \otimes \pi')(t_1). \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

Then for generic  $x$  any solution has the form  $F(x) = Z^m \otimes F'(x)$ , where  $F'(x) \in \text{End}(V')$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} [\pi'(f_i), F'(x)] &= 0 \quad (i = 0, 1), \\ \pi'(t_1)F'(x) &= \omega^m F'(x)\pi'(t_1). \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

*Proof.* Clearly  $Z^m \otimes F'(x)$  with  $F'(x)$  satisfying (2.5) is a solution of (2.4). The coefficients of the linear equations (2.4) are polynomials in  $x$ . Therefore it is sufficient to prove the assertion for  $F(x)$  which are polynomials in  $x$ . In terms of  $Z$  and  $X$ , the equations (2.4) are

$$[T_i, F(x)] = 0, \quad (i = 1, 2), \tag{2.6a}$$

$$(Z \otimes \pi'(t_1))F(x) = \omega^m F(x)(Z \otimes \pi'(t_1)), \tag{2.6b}$$

where

$$T_1 = X^2 \otimes \pi'(t_1)^2 + x1 \otimes \pi'(f_0),$$

$$T_2 = Y \otimes \pi'(t_1)^{-1} + x1 \otimes \pi'(f_1),$$

and

$$Y = x\pi_x(f_1) = -(qZ + q^{-1}Z^{-1})X^{-1}/(q - q^{-1})^2.$$

It follows from (2.6b) that  $F(x)$  commutes with  $1 \otimes \pi'(t_1)^N$ . Then using

$$\begin{aligned} T'_1 &= (1 \otimes \pi'(t_1)^{-N})T_1^{(N+1)/2} \\ &= X \otimes \pi'(t_1) + x \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 + 1} X^{-1} \otimes \pi'(t_1^{-1}f_0) + O(x^2), \end{aligned}$$

we find that  $F(x)$  commutes with

$$\begin{aligned} T_3 &= -q^{-1} \frac{q - q^{-1}}{q + q^{-1}} (\omega T'_1 T_2 - T_2 T'_1) \\ &= Z^{-1} \otimes 1 + x \left( \omega^3 Z + \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 + 1} Z^{-1} \right) X^{-2} \otimes \pi'(t_1^{-2}f_0) + O(x^2) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} T_4 &= (\omega T_2 T_3 - T_3 T_2) / x(\omega - 1) \\ &= Z^{-1} \otimes \pi'(f_1) + \omega^6 \frac{q + q^{-1}}{(q - q^{-1})^2} Z^2 X^{-3} \otimes \pi'(t_1^{-3} f_0) + O(x). \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $x=0$ ,  $F(0)$  commutes with  $Z \otimes 1$ ,  $X \otimes \pi'(t_1)$  and

$$Z^{-1} \otimes \pi'(f_1) + \omega^6 \frac{q + q^{-1}}{(q - q^{-1})^2} Z^2 X^{-3} \otimes \pi'(t_1^{-3} f_0).$$

The commutativity with the first two operators and (2.6b) show that  $F(0)$  is of the form

$$F(0) = Z^m \otimes F',$$

where  $F' \in \text{End}(V')$  satisfies

$$\pi'(t_1)F' = \omega^m F' \pi'(t_1).$$

In the case  $N \neq 3$ ,  $Z^{-1}$  and  $Z^2 X^{-3}$  are linearly independent. From the commutativity with the last operator, it then follows that  $F'$  commutes with  $\pi'(f_i)$  ( $i=0, 1$ ). Therefore  $(F(x) - F(0))/x$  satisfies (2.4). By repeating this we have the conclusion.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.4.** *Assume  $N \neq 3$ . For generic  $x_i$ , if  $F \in \text{End}(V^{\otimes n})$  satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned} [(\pi_{x_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \pi_{x_n})(f_i), F] &= 0 \quad (i = 0, 1), \\ (\pi_{x_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \pi_{x_n})(t_1)F &= \omega^m F(\pi_{x_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \pi_{x_n})(t_1), \end{aligned}$$

*then  $F$  is a scalar. Moreover, if  $m \equiv 0 \pmod N$  then  $F=0$ .*

*Proof.* Thanks to the Lemma 2.3, the problem reduces to the case  $n=1$ . In this case, the equations are

$$[X^2, F] = [Y, F] = 0, \quad ZF = \omega^m FZ.$$

From this, the assertion follows.  $\square$

We have also proved the following directly by using computer.

**Lemma 2.5.** *Suppose that  $N=3$  and consider the representation  $\pi_\xi$  such that  $x_0=x_1=1$ ,  $c_0=c^{-2}$  and  $c_1=c$ . For generic  $a, c$  the tensor product  $(V \otimes V \otimes V, \pi_\xi \otimes \pi_\xi \otimes \pi_\xi)$  is indecomposable.*

### §3. The Intertwiner for $\tilde{U}_q(A_2^{(2)})$

Now we shall solve

$$R(\xi, \tilde{\xi})(\pi_{\xi} \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(g) = (\pi_{\tilde{\xi}} \otimes \pi_{\xi})(g)R(\xi, \tilde{\xi}) \quad (g \in \check{U}_q(A_2^{(2)})). \quad (3.1)$$

As a result we obtain a new  $R$  matrix whose spectral parameters live on a curve. Firstly we derive necessary conditions for the existence of a solution. The following will be used frequently.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $\varepsilon$  be a primitive  $N$ -th root of unity. If  $A, B$  are elements of a  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra satisfying  $AB = \varepsilon BA$ , then we have  $(A+B)^N = A^N + B^N$ .*

For convenience we shall call an expression *invariant* if it remains the same under the exchange of  $\xi$  and  $\tilde{\xi}$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $a^{2N} \neq -1$  and set  $c = c_1, d = c_0 c_1^2$ . For the existence of an intertwiner (3.1), it is necessary that the following are invariants:*

$$\Gamma_1 = \frac{c^N + c^{-N}}{a^N + a^{-N}}, \quad \Gamma_2 = x_0^N (a^{2N} - c^{2N} d^{-N}), \quad \Gamma_3 = \frac{1 - a^N c^N}{x_1^N}, \quad (3.2a)$$

$$\Gamma_4 = \frac{c^{2N} d^{-N} + c^{-2N} d^N + 2}{(a^N + a^{-N})^2}, \quad \Gamma_5 = d + d^{-1}. \quad (3.2b)$$

For generic values of the parameters, the Jacobian of the map  $G: (a, c, x_0, x_1, d) \mapsto (\Gamma_i)_{1 \leq i \leq 5}$  is nonzero.

*Proof.* If  $R(\pi_{\xi} \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(g) = (\pi_{\tilde{\xi}} \otimes \pi_{\xi})(g)R(g \in \check{U}_q(A_2^{(2)}))$  and  $R$  is invertible, then  $\text{tr}(\pi_{\xi} \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(g) = \text{tr}(\pi_{\tilde{\xi}} \otimes \pi_{\xi})(g)$ . Apply this to  $g = e_i^N, f_i^N, e_0 e_1^2$  and  $f_0 f_1^2$ . Using (2.2) and Lemma 3.1, we obtain the following invariants  $r_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 &= \frac{1 - a^{-2N} c_0^N}{x_0^N (a^N + a^{-N})^2}, & r_2 &= x_0^N (a^{2N} - c_0^{-N}), \\ r_3 &= \frac{1 - a^N c_1^N}{x_1^N}, & r_4 &= \frac{x_1^N (a^{-N} - c_1^{-N})}{a^N + a^{-N}}, \\ r_5 &= \frac{1 - c_0 c_1^2}{x_0 x_1^2}, & r_6 &= \frac{x_0 x_1^2 (1 - c_0 c_1^2)}{c_0 c_1^2}. \end{aligned}$$

The  $\Gamma_i$  are obtained by setting  $\Gamma_1 = 1 - r_3 r_4, \Gamma_2 = r_2, \Gamma_3 = r_3, \Gamma_4 = 1 - r_1 r_2$  and  $\Gamma_5 = r_5 r_6 + 2$ . The Jacobian of the map  $G$  is found to be

$$4N^4 \frac{1 - d^2}{ac x_0 x_1 d^2} \frac{a^N - a^{-N}}{(a^N + a^{-N})^4} \frac{(d^N - 1)(c^{2N} + d^N)}{c^N d^N} \Gamma_2 \Gamma_3.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

In view of the above proposition, we must impose some condition on  $\xi$  and  $\tilde{\xi}$  in order to obtain an  $R$  matrix depending continuously on them. Here-



after we shall assume

$$c_0 c_1^2 = 1$$

and denote the parameters  $(a, c, x_0, x_1) \in (\mathbb{C}^\times)^4$  by the same letter  $\xi$ . This choice makes  $\Gamma_5$  trivial and  $\Gamma_4 = (\Gamma_1)^2$ . Now (3.2a) reduces to the following invariants:

$$\Gamma_1 = \frac{c^N + c^{-N}}{a^N + a^{-N}}, \quad \Gamma_2 = x_0^N (a^{2N} - c^{2N}), \quad \Gamma_3 = \frac{1 - a^N c^N}{x_1^N}. \tag{3.3}$$

This defines a family of algebraic curves  $\mathcal{C}_\Gamma \subset \{\xi = (a, c, x_0, x_1) \in (\mathbb{C}^\times)^4\}$  parametrized by  $\Gamma = (\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_3)$ .

We shall show that (3.1) has a solution under (3.3). First we prepare a lemma. Let  $\varepsilon$  be a primitive  $N$ -th root of unity, and let  $\mathcal{W}_\varepsilon$  be the  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra generated by  $z$  and  $x$  satisfying  $zx = \varepsilon xz$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $\sigma$  be a representation of  $\mathcal{W}_\varepsilon$  on a vector space  $V$  such that  $\sigma(z)^N = a$ ,  $\sigma(x)^N = b$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$ . Set  $Z = \sigma(z)$  and  $X = \sigma(x)$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  be complex numbers satisfying  $\alpha^N a + \beta^N = \gamma^N a + \delta^N$ . Then if we define  $P(Z)$  by*

$$P(Z) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} p_k Z^k, \quad p_k = \prod_{i=1}^k (\varepsilon r - \varepsilon^i \alpha) \prod_{i=k+1}^{N-1} (\varepsilon^i \beta - \delta), \tag{3.4}$$

it satisfies

$$P(Z)(\alpha Z + \beta)X = (rZ + \delta)XP(Z). \tag{3.5}$$

Let  $\tilde{P}(Z) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{p}_k Z^k$  be  $P(Z)$  with  $\alpha$  and  $r$ , and  $\beta$  and  $\delta$  being interchanged. Then

$$P(Z)\tilde{P}(Z) = \rho,$$

with

$$\rho = aN \frac{\gamma - \alpha}{\beta - \delta} \frac{\alpha^N \delta^N - \beta^N \gamma^N}{\alpha \delta - \beta \gamma}.$$

*Proof.* Without loss of generality we may assume that  $ab \neq 0$  and that  $\sigma$  is an  $N$ -dimensional irreducible representation. Then  $Z^k X^l$  ( $0 \leq k, l \leq N-1$ ) are linearly independent. Therefore (3.5) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} p_{k+1}(\varepsilon^{k+1} \beta - \delta) &= p_k(\varepsilon r - \varepsilon^{k+1} \alpha) & (0 \leq k \leq N-2), \\ p_0(\beta - \delta) &= p_{N-1} a(\varepsilon r - \alpha). \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

This recursion relation is satisfied by (3.4). Since  $P(Z)\tilde{P}(Z)$  satisfies (3.5) with

$\alpha=\gamma$  and  $\beta=\delta$ , (3.6) implies that it is proportional to the identity. Therefore, using the formula

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{y}{\varepsilon^k x - y} = \frac{Ny^N}{x^N - y^N}$$

we find  $P(Z)\tilde{P}(Z)=\rho$  with

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= p_0 \tilde{p}_0 + a \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} p_k \tilde{p}_{N-k} \\ &= -\frac{a}{(\beta-\delta)^2} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \prod_{l=1}^k (\varepsilon^l \gamma - \varepsilon^l \alpha) \prod_{l=k+1}^N (\varepsilon^l \beta - \delta) \prod_{l=1}^{N-k} (\varepsilon \alpha - \varepsilon^l \gamma) \prod_{l=N-k+1}^N (\varepsilon^l \delta - \beta) \\ &= a \frac{(\gamma-\alpha)(\alpha^N - \gamma^N)(\beta^N - \delta^N)}{\beta-\delta} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{\varepsilon^k}{(\varepsilon^k \alpha - \gamma)(\varepsilon^k \beta - \delta)} \\ &= aN \frac{\gamma-\alpha}{\beta-\delta} \frac{\alpha^N \delta^N - \beta^N \gamma^N}{\alpha \delta - \beta \gamma}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.4.** *For generic values of the parameters  $\xi$  and  $\tilde{\xi}$  satisfying (3.3), the equation (3.1) has a unique invertible solution up to a scalar multiple. It is explicitly given by*

$$R(\xi, \tilde{\xi}) = P^1(C_1)P^2(C_2)P^3(C_3) = P^3(\tilde{C}_3)P^1(C_1)P^2(C_2) \tag{3.7}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= X^2 \otimes Z^2 X^{-2}, \quad C_2 = ZX^{-1} \otimes X, \\ C_3 &= (\pi_\xi \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(e_1)^2 (\pi_\xi \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(f_0)^{-1} / x_0 \tilde{x}_0, \\ \tilde{C}_3 &= (\pi_{\tilde{\xi}} \otimes \pi_\xi)(e_1)^2 (\pi_{\tilde{\xi}} \otimes \pi_\xi)(f_0)^{-1} / x_0 \tilde{x}_0, \\ P^i(C) &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} p_k^i C^k \quad (i = 1, 2, 3), \\ p_k^1 &= \prod_{l=1}^k (\omega^4 a^2 x_0 - \omega^{4l} \tilde{a}^2 \tilde{x}_0) \prod_{l=k+1}^{N-1} (\omega^{4l} c^2 x_0 - \tilde{c}^2 \tilde{x}_0), \\ p_k^2 &= \prod_{l=1}^k (\omega \tilde{a} \tilde{c} x_1 - \omega^l a c \tilde{x}_1) \prod_{l=k+1}^{N-1} (\omega^l x_1 - \tilde{x}_1), \\ p_k^3 &= \prod_{l=1}^k (\omega^2 a c x_0 - \omega^{2l} \tilde{a} \tilde{c} \tilde{x}_0) \prod_{l=k+1}^{N-1} \omega (\omega^{2l} \tilde{a} \tilde{c} x_1^2 - a c \tilde{x}_1^2), \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Set

$$\mathcal{Q}_1 = 1 \otimes X^2, \quad \mathcal{Q}_2 = X \otimes 1, \quad \mathcal{Q}_3 = C_1^{(N+1)/2} = q^{-1} X \otimes ZX^{-1}.$$

Note that

$$C_3 = ((\tilde{a}^2 \tilde{x}_0 C_1 + c^2 x_0) \mathcal{Q}_1)^{-1} ((a c \tilde{x}_1 C_2 + x_1) \mathcal{Q}_2)^2,$$

and that

$$C_3^N = \frac{\tilde{a}^N \tilde{c}^N x_1^{2N} - a^N c^N \tilde{x}_1^{2N}}{a^N c^N x_0^N - \tilde{a}^N \tilde{c}^N \tilde{x}_0^N}. \tag{3.8}$$

We have the following commutation relations.

$$C_1 \varrho_1 = \omega^4 \varrho_1 C_1, \quad C_2 \varrho_2 = \omega \varrho_2 C_2, \quad C_3 \varrho_3 = \omega^2 \varrho_3 C_3, \tag{3.9a}$$

$$[C_i, C_j] = [\varrho_j, \varrho_j] = [C_i, \varrho_j] = 0 \quad (1 \leq i \neq j \leq 2), \tag{3.9b}$$

$$[C_3, C_1^{(N+1)/2} C_2] = 0, \quad [\varrho_3, C_1] = [\varrho_3, C_2] = 0. \tag{3.9c}$$

Thanks to Lemma 3.4  $P^i(C_i)$  ( $i=1, 2, 3$ ) satisfies

$$P^1(C_1)(\tilde{a}^2 \tilde{x}_0 C_1 + c^2 x_0) \varrho_1 = (a^2 x_0 C_1 + \tilde{c}^2 \tilde{x}_0) \varrho_1 P^1(C_1), \tag{3.10a}$$

$$P^2(C_2)(ac \tilde{x}_1 C_2 + x_1) \varrho_2 = (\tilde{a} \tilde{c} x_1 C_2 + \tilde{x}_1) \varrho_2 P^2(C_2), \tag{3.10b}$$

$$P^3(C_3) \tilde{a} \tilde{c} (\tilde{x}_0 C_3 + \omega x_1^2) \varrho_3 = ac(x_0 C_3 + \omega \tilde{x}_1^2) \varrho_3 P^3(C_3). \tag{3.10c}$$

Now we shall show that  $R=R(\xi, \tilde{\xi})$  given by (3.7) satisfies (3.1) for  $g=t_i$  ( $i=0,1$ ),  $f_0$  and  $e_1$ . In terms of  $C_i$  and  $\varrho_i$  ( $i=1, 2$ ), the equations become

$$\begin{aligned} RC_1^{(N+1)/2} C_2 &= C_1^{(N+1)/2} C_2 R, \\ R(\tilde{a}^2 \tilde{x}_0 C_1 + c^2 x_0) \varrho_1 &= (a^2 x_0 C_1 + \tilde{c}^2 \tilde{x}_0) \varrho_1 R, \\ R(ac \tilde{x}_1 C_2 + x_1) \varrho_2 &= (\tilde{a} \tilde{c} x_1 C_2 + \tilde{x}_1) \varrho_2 R. \end{aligned}$$

They follow immediately from (3.9), (3.10a), (3.10b).

Next we shall turn to (3.1) for  $g=f_1$ . It is sufficient to check (3.1) for  $g=f_1 e_1$ . After some calculations we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &-(q-q^{-1})^2 (\pi_{\xi} \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(f_1 e_1) \\ &= q(\pi_{\xi} \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(t_1) + q^{-1}(\pi_{\xi} \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(t_1^{-1}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{x_1 \tilde{x}_1} \left( \frac{\tilde{a}}{c} (\tilde{x}_0 C_3 + \omega x_1^2) \varrho_3 + \frac{c}{\tilde{a}} (x_0 C_3 + \omega^{-1} \tilde{x}_1^2) \varrho_3^{-1} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

Note that

$$P^1(C_1) P^2(C_2) C_3 = \tilde{C}_3 P^1(C_1) P^2(C_2). \tag{3.12}$$

Using (3.9c), (3.10c), (3.11) and (3.12) we obtain

$$R(\pi_{\xi} \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(f_1 e_1) = (\pi_{\tilde{\xi}} \otimes \pi_{\xi})(f_1 e_1) R.$$

Finally we shall consider (3.1) for  $g=e_0$ . This equation can be checked directly. In the case  $N \neq 3$ , it can be shown also by the following argument. Let

$$F = R^{-1}((\pi_{\tilde{\xi}} \otimes \pi_{\xi})(e_0) R - R(\pi_{\xi} \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(e_0)).$$

We can easily show that  $F$  satisfies (2.4) with  $m=-2$ . From Proposition 2.4, it vanishes. Therefore  $R$  satisfies (3.1) for  $g=e_0$ . Clearly  $R$  satisfies (3.1) for  $g=z_i$  ( $i=0, 1$ ). This completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark.* If we set

$$\kappa = \tilde{a}^{2N} \tilde{x}_0^N + c^{2N} x_0^N = a^{2N} x_0^N + \tilde{c}^{2N} \tilde{x}_0^N,$$

then  $\kappa R(\xi, \tilde{\xi})$  is holomorphic on the curve  $C_\Gamma$ .

*Remark.* When  $\Gamma_1=1$  and  $\Gamma_2=\Gamma_3=0$ ,  $C_\Gamma$  degenerates to a rational curve. Letting  $a, c \rightarrow 1$  we find that  $x_0/x_1$  is an invariant. The  $R$  matrix becomes a polynomial in the single variable  $x=x_0\tilde{x}_1/x_1\tilde{x}_0$ . We call this the *trigonometric case*.

**Proposition 3.5.** *The obtained  $R$  matrices satisfy the following inversion relation*

$$R(\xi, \tilde{\xi})R(\tilde{\xi}, \xi) = \rho(\xi, \tilde{\xi})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\xi, \tilde{\xi}) &= \omega^{-2} N^3 (ac\tilde{a}\tilde{c})^{N-1} \frac{a^2 x_0 - \tilde{a}^2 \tilde{x}_0}{c^2 x_0 - \tilde{c}^2 \tilde{x}_0} \frac{\tilde{a}\tilde{c}x_1 - ac\tilde{x}_1}{x_1 - \tilde{x}_1} \frac{a^N c^N x_0^N + \tilde{a}^N \tilde{c}^N \tilde{x}_0^N}{acx_0 + \tilde{a}\tilde{c}\tilde{x}_0} \\ &\times \left( \frac{\tilde{a}^N \tilde{c}^N x_1^{2N} - a^N c^N \tilde{x}_1^{2N}}{\tilde{a}\tilde{c}x_1^2 - ac\tilde{x}_1^2} \right)^2 \frac{x_0^N x_1^{2N} - \tilde{x}_0^N \tilde{x}_1^{2N}}{x_0 x_1^2 - \tilde{x}_0 \tilde{x}_1^2}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\tilde{P}^i$  be  $P^i$  with  $\xi$  and  $\tilde{\xi}$  being interchanged. Thanks to Lemma 3.3,  $P^i(C_i)\tilde{P}^i(C_i)$  ( $i=1, 2, 3$ ) are proportional to the identity. Therefore, noting  $[C_1, C_2]=0$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} R(\xi, \tilde{\xi})R(\tilde{\xi}, \xi) &= P^1(C_1)P^2(C_2)P^3(C_3)\tilde{P}^3(C_3)\tilde{P}^1(C_1)\tilde{P}^2(C_2) \\ &= P^1(C_1)\tilde{P}^1(C_1)P^2(C_2)\tilde{P}^2(C_2)P^3(C_3)\tilde{P}^3(C_3). \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.8) and Lemma 3.3 we obtain the expression for  $\rho(\xi, \tilde{\xi})$ .  $\square$

In order to show that the  $R$  satisfies the Yang-Baxter equation, it remains to prove the indecomposability of the tensor products of three cyclic representations of  $\tilde{U}_q(A_2^{(2)})$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V} = \cup_\Gamma C_\Gamma \times C_\Gamma \times C_\Gamma \subset \mathbb{C}^{15}$

**Proposition 3.6.** *For generic  $(\Gamma, \xi, \eta, \lambda) \in \mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}$ , if  $F \in \text{End}(V \otimes V \otimes V)$  commutes with  $(\pi_\xi \otimes \pi_\eta \otimes \pi_\lambda)(g)$  for any  $g \in \tilde{U}_q$ , then  $F$  is a scalar operator.*

*Proof.* Since  $C_\Gamma$  is irreducible for generic  $\Gamma$ , the variety  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}$  is irreducible. Therefore we can show the assertion by specialization argument. This is already done in Proposition 2.4 and Lemma 2.5.  $\square$

*Remark.* From the  $R$  matrix of Theorem 3.4, one can get a local Hamiltonian  $\sum_j H_{jj+1}$  by a standard procedure. More precisely, set

$$H = \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \log R(\xi, \tilde{\xi})|_{\varepsilon=0},$$

where  $\tilde{\xi} = \tilde{\xi}(\varepsilon) \rightarrow \xi$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . As usual let  $X_j, Z_j$  be the operators acting as  $X, Z$  on the  $j$ -th component in the tensor product of  $V^{\otimes L}$ , and similarly for  $H_{jj+1}$ . Up to a scalar multiple and a term proportional to the identity, we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_{jj+1} &= H_{jj+1}^1 + H_{jj+1}^2 + H_{jj+1}^3, \\ H_{jj+1}^1 &= 2c^{2N} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{1-\omega^{4k}} \left( -\frac{\omega^4 a^2}{c^2} \right)^k C_1^k, \\ H_{jj+1}^2 &= (1+a^N c^N) \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{1-\omega^k} (-\omega ac)^k C_2^k, \\ H_{jj+1}^3 &= (a^{2N} + c^{2N}) \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{1-\omega^{2k}} (-\omega)^k C_3^k, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= X_j^2 Z_{j+1}^2 X_{j+1}^{-2}, \quad C_2 = Z_j X_j^{-1} X_{j+1}, \\ C_3 &= (X_j + ac Z_j X_{j+1})^2 (a^2 X_j^2 Z_{j+1}^2 + c^2 X_{j+1}^2)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

#### §4. Intertwiners for $\tilde{U}_q(A_1^{(1)})$ and the Chiral Potts Model

In this section  $\tilde{U}_q$  means the algebra  $\tilde{U}_q(A_1^{(1)})$ . It is defined by the same formulas (2.1), (2.2), wherein  $(a_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $q_0 = q_1 = q$ . As in Section 2 we shall consider  $N$ -dimensional representations obtained as the extensions of Proposition 2.1 for  $U_q(A_1)$ , the subalgebra generated by  $e_1, f_1$  and  $t_1^{\pm 1}$ . We find it more convenient to make the change of variables

$$X = r^{-1}(a_1^2 Z - 1)X', \quad x_1 = \frac{r}{q - q^{-1}} x'_1.$$

Here  $r^N = a_1^{2N} - 1$ , so that  $X'^N = 1$  and  $ZX' = \omega X'Z$ . Dropping primes we thus have  $\pi: \tilde{U}_q \rightarrow \text{End}(V)$  ( $V = \mathbb{C}^N$ ), where

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(e_0) &= x_0 X^{-1} \frac{a_0^2 Z^{-1} - 1}{q - q^{-1}}, \quad \pi(e_1) = x_1 \frac{a_1^2 Z - 1}{q - q^{-1}} X, \\ \pi(f_0) &= (a_0 a_1 x_0)^{-1} \frac{a_1^2 Z - 1}{q - q^{-1}} X, \quad \pi(f_1) = (a_0 a_1 x_1)^{-1} X^{-1} \frac{a_0^2 Z^{-1} - 1}{q - q^{-1}}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\pi(t_0) = \frac{a_0}{qa_1} Z^{-1}, \quad \pi(t_1) = \frac{qa_1}{a_0} Z, \quad \pi(z_0) = c_0, \quad \pi(z_1) = c_1.$$

The six parameters  $\xi = (a_0, a_1, c_0, c_1, x_0, x_1) \in (\mathbb{C}^\times)^6$  entering  $\pi$  will be exhibited as  $\pi_\xi$ .

Given  $\xi, \tilde{\xi} \in (\mathbb{C}^\times)^6$  we now look for an intertwiner  $R: V \otimes V \xrightarrow{\sim} V \otimes V$  such that

$$R(\xi, \tilde{\xi})(\pi_\xi \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(g) = (\pi_{\tilde{\xi}} \otimes \pi_\xi)(g)R(\xi, \tilde{\xi}) \quad (g \in \tilde{U}_q). \tag{4.1}$$

By a similar reasoning as given in Section 3, we have

**Proposition 4.1.** *Assume  $a_i^{2N} \neq 1, (a_0 a_1)^2 \neq -1, \tilde{a}_i^{2N} \neq 1, (\tilde{a}_0 \tilde{a}_1)^2 \neq -1$ . For an intertwiner to exist it is necessary that the following quantities are invariants:*

$$r_1 = \frac{1 - c_0^N a_0^N a_1^{-N}}{x_0^N (a_0^{2N} - 1)}, \quad r_2 = \frac{1 - c_1^N a_0^{-N} a_1^N}{x_1^N (a_1^{2N} - 1)}, \tag{4.2a}$$

$$r_3 = \frac{(a_0 a_1 x_0)^N (a_0^{-N} a_1^N - c_0^{-N})}{a_1^{2N} - 1}, \quad r_4 = \frac{(a_0 a_1 x_1)^N (a_0^N a_1^{-N} - c_1^{-N})}{a_0^{2N} - 1}, \tag{4.2b}$$

$$r_5 = \frac{1 - c_0 c_1}{x_0 x_1 ((a_0 a_1)^2 + 1)}, \quad r_6 = \frac{x_0 x_1 (1 - c_0^{-1} c_1^{-1})}{1 + (a_0 a_1)^{-2}}. \tag{4.2c}$$

For generic  $\xi$  the Jacobian of the map  $\xi \mapsto (r_i)$  is nonzero.

Hereafter we shall assume

$$c_0 c_1 = 1.$$

This makes (4.2c) trivial, and  $r_1 r_3 = r_2 r_4$ . Eqs. (4.2a), (4.2b) then define a surface  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}_{r_1 r_2 r_3}$  written in the coordinates  $(a_0, a_1, c_0, x_0, x_1)$ . As it turns out,  $\mathcal{S}$  is essentially a product of two curves. To see this, consider the curve  $\mathcal{C}_k$  in the coordinates  $(x, y, \mu) \in (\mathbb{C}^\times)^3$  [4]

$$\mathcal{C}_k: x^N + y^N = k(1 + x^N y^N), \quad \mu^N = \frac{k'}{1 - kx^N} = \frac{1 - ky^N}{k'}. \tag{4.3}$$

Here the parameter  $k$  is a modulus and  $k^2 + k'^2 = 1$ . Set

$$k^2 = -r_1 r_3, \quad \kappa_0^N = -k/r_1, \quad \kappa_1^N = -k/r_2.$$

Then the following gives an algebraic correspondence:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{r_1 r_2 r_3} &\longleftrightarrow \mathcal{C}_k \times \mathcal{C}_k \\ (a_0, a_1, c_0, x_0, x_1) &\mapsto (x, y, \mu, x', y', \mu') \end{aligned}$$

$$x_0 = \kappa_0 x', \quad x_1 = \kappa_1 y',$$

$$a_0^2 = \frac{y}{x' \mu \mu'}, \quad a_1^2 = \frac{x \mu \mu'}{y'}, \quad c_0 a_0 a_1 = \frac{q x}{y'}.$$

Hereafter we shall use the letter  $r=(x_r, y_r, \mu_r)$  to denote a point on  $C_k$ .

To describe the intertwiners, define matrices

$$S_{rs} = \sum_{a=0}^{N-1} \widehat{W}_{rs}(a)(X^{-1} \otimes X)^a,$$

$$T_{rs} = \sum_{a=0}^{N-1} \overline{W}_{rs}(a)Z^a.$$

Here  $r, s \in C_k$ , and the coefficients  $\widehat{W}_{rs}(a)$  and  $\overline{W}_{rs}(a)$  are defined via the recursion relations

$$\frac{\widehat{W}_{rs}(a)}{\widehat{W}_{rs}(a-1)} = \frac{\mu_s y_r - \mu_r y_s \omega^{a-1}}{\mu_s x_s - \mu_r x_r \omega^a},$$

$$\frac{\overline{W}_{rs}(a)}{\overline{W}_{rs}(a-1)} = \mu_r \mu_s \frac{x_r \omega - x_s \omega^a}{y_s - y_r \omega^a}.$$

Note also that  $W_{rs}(l) = \sum_{a=0}^{N-1} \widehat{W}_{rs}(a) \omega^{-al}$  are given by

$$\frac{W_{rs}(a)}{W_{rs}(a-1)} = \frac{\mu_r y_s - x_r \omega^a}{\mu_s y_r - x_s \omega^a}.$$

These are the Boltzmann weights of the chiral Potts model [4].

**Theorem 4.2.** Consider  $\xi = (r, r'), \tilde{\xi}' = (\tilde{r}, \tilde{r}') \in C_k \times C_k$  where  $C_k$  is given by (4.3). Then up to a scalar multiple the intertwiner (4.1) is given by

$$R(\xi, \tilde{\xi}') = S_{r', \tilde{r}'}(T_{r', \tilde{r}'} \otimes T_{r, \tilde{r}}) S_{r, \tilde{r}'}.$$

*Proof.* Set  $K = \mathbb{Q}(k, k')$ . Let  $\Phi_N(q)$  be the  $N$ -th cyclotomic polynomial in  $q$  where  $q$  is an indeterminate variable. Set  $\tilde{K} = K[q]/K\Phi_N(q)$ . Let  $A = \tilde{K}[x, x^{-1}, y, y^{-1}, \mu, \mu^{-1}]$  be the coordinate ring of  $C_k$  over  $\tilde{K}$ , and  $B = A \otimes_{\tilde{K}} A$  the coordinate ring of  $C_k \times C_k$ . We consider a  $B$ -algebra  $\mathcal{W}$  generated by  $Z$  and  $X$  with the defining relations  $ZX = \omega XZ$  ( $\omega = q^2$ ),  $Z^N = X^N = 1$ . We may regard

$$\frac{q - q^{-1}}{\kappa_1} (\pi_{\tilde{\xi}} \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}'})(e_1)$$

$$= x_r \mu_r \mu_{r'} Z X \otimes 1 - y_r X \otimes 1 + x_{\tilde{r}} \mu_r \mu_{r'} \mu_{\tilde{r}} \mu_{\tilde{r}'} Z \otimes Z X - y_{\tilde{r}'} \mu_r \mu_{r'} Z \otimes X$$

as an element of  $\mathcal{W} \otimes_{\tilde{K}} \mathcal{W}$ , and (4.1) for  $g = e_1$  as an equation in  $\mathcal{W} \otimes_{\tilde{K}} \mathcal{W}$ .

This equation is shown by using the following and similar identities in  $\mathcal{W}$  (see Lemma 3.3).

$$S_{rs}(y_s(X^{-1} \otimes X) - \omega x_r)(Z \otimes 1) = \frac{\mu_s}{\mu_r}(y_r(X^{-1} \otimes X) - \omega x_s)(Z \otimes 1)S_{rs},$$

$$T_{rs}(\mu_r \mu_s x_s Z - y_r)X = (\mu_r \mu_s x_r Z - y_s)XT_{rs}.$$

In order to prove the case  $g=e_0$  we can use the following  $K$ -linear anti-involution  $*$  of  $\mathcal{W}$ :

$$x_r^* = y_r, \quad \mu_r^* = \mu_r^{-1}, \quad x_s^* = y_s, \quad \mu_s^* = \mu_s^{-1},$$

$$Z^* = Z^{-1}, \quad X^* = X^{-1}, \quad q^* = q^{-1}.$$

We have

$$\left( \frac{q - q^{-1}}{\kappa_1} (\pi_\xi \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(e_1) \right)^* = \frac{q - q^{-1}}{\kappa_0} (\pi_\xi \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(e_0).$$

We also have

$$S_{rs}((y_s(X^{-1} \otimes X) - \omega x_r)(Z \otimes 1))^* = \left( \frac{\mu_s}{\mu_r}(y_r(X^{-1} \otimes X) - \omega x_s)(Z \otimes 1) \right)^* S_{rs}, \tag{4.4a}$$

$$T_{rs}((\mu_r \mu_s x_s Z - y_r)X)^* = ((\mu_r \mu_s x_r Z - y_s)X)^* T_{rs}. \tag{4.4b}$$

Therefore we obtain (4.1) for  $g=e_0$ .

For  $g=f_0, f_1$ , we use another anti-involution  $\wedge$  of  $\mathcal{W}$ :

$$\hat{x}_r = \frac{1}{qx_r}, \quad \hat{y}_r = \frac{q}{y_r}, \quad \hat{\mu}_r = -\frac{qx_r \mu_r}{y_r},$$

$$\hat{x}_s = \frac{1}{qx_s}, \quad \hat{y}_s = \frac{q}{y_s}, \quad \hat{\mu}_s = -\frac{qx_s \mu_s}{y_s},$$

$$\hat{Z} = Z, \quad \hat{X} = X^{-1}, \quad \hat{q} = q.$$

Then we have

$$(\kappa_0 c_0 \tilde{c}_0 (\pi_\xi \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(f_0))^\wedge = -\frac{q^2}{\kappa_0 c_0 \tilde{c}_0} (\pi_\xi \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(t_0^{-1} e_0),$$

$$\left( \frac{\kappa_1}{c_0 \tilde{c}_0} (\pi_\xi \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(f_1) \right)^\wedge = -\frac{c_0 \tilde{c}_0}{\kappa_1} (\pi_\xi \otimes \pi_{\tilde{\xi}})(t_1^{-1} e_1).$$

The identities (4.4) with  $*$  replaced by  $\wedge$  are also valid. Therefore we obtain (4.1) for  $g=f_0, f_1$ .  $\square$

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